

# New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP) Training Workshop

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### Purpose

- Provide assistance to all parties participating in the NSHP program
  - Application Process
  - Required Documents
- Any comments or suggestions on improving the NSHP program can be sent to the California Energy Commission's Renewable Energy Office at renewable@energy.state.ca.us



#### California Solar Initiative

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CPUC's
California Solar
Initiative

1,940 MW

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CEC's New Solar Homes Partnership

> 400 MW \$400 M

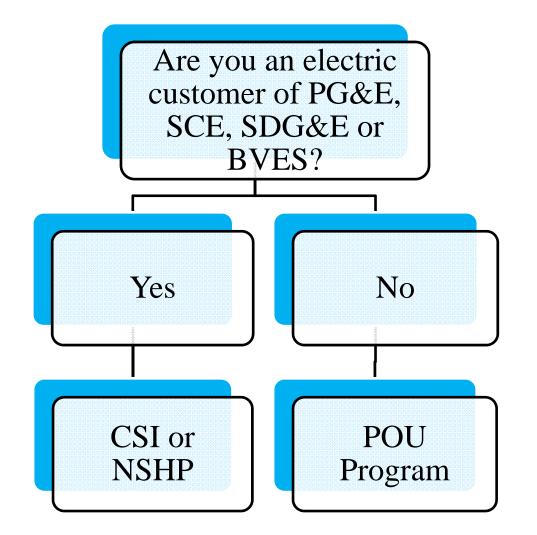
Publicly-Owned
Utility Solar
Programs

700 MW

\$784 M



### Which Program Do I Apply To?





#### CSI or NSHP?

What kind of project will the solar system be installed on?

New Residential Construction Projects Existing Homes, Existing and New Commercial, Industrial, Government, Non-Profit and Agricultural Projects

**NSHP** 

**CSI** 

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# New Solar Homes Partnership Program Goals

- Establish a self-sufficient solar industry where solar energy systems are a mainstream viable option for homes by 2016.
- Achieve 400 megawatts of installed solar electric capacity in California by the end of 2016.
- Place solar energy systems on 50% of new homes by end of program.



# New Solar Homes Partnership Program Eligibility



# **Project Requirements**

- Project located in one of four investor-owned electric service territories (PG&E, SCE, SDG&E, BVES).
- Solar energy system will be at least 1 kW AC or larger and interconnected with the utility grid.
- The electricity from the system will offset the end-use customer's electric load.
- The system will be composed of new certified components from the Energy Commission's Lists of Eligible Equipment and will be covered by a 10-year warranty.



# Project Requirements Continued

- New residential construction
  - A residential building is considered "new" if the entire building structure is subject to current Title 24 Standards.
  - Solar permit should be pulled prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, but no later than 180 days after.
- Systems and energy efficiency measures are thirdparty verified.



# **Energy Efficiency**

- •Project meets a minimum of 15 percent beyond current Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24).
  - -2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards
  - -**Tier 1**: minimum 15 percent beyond Standard for combined space heating, cooling and water heating
  - -**Tier 2**: minimum 30 percent beyond Standard for combined space heating, cooling and water heating and 30 percent for space cooling



#### Retailers and Installers

- Contractors installing solar systems must have a California State A, B, C-10 or C-46 license. Solar systems may also be self-installed.
- •Retailers and installers must self-register with the Energy Commission via the Go Solar California website.



### Project Types

#### **Custom Homes**

#### Solar as Standard

Projects/Phases of 6 or more homes

AND

Solar on at least 50% of those homes

# Small Developments

Projects/Phases of less than 6 homes

AND/OR

Solar on less than 50% of homes.



### **Project Types Continued**

# Solar as an Option

Unclear which homes will receive solar.

Incentives reserved for up to 50% of the homes.

System size assumed to be 2kW initially.

Project status update required 18 months into the reservation.

#### **Common Areas**

Areas in the development that are reserved for the use of the residents.

Example: Recreation Center, Pool House, etc.

# Affordable Housing

At least 20% of the project units must be reserved for extremely low, very low, lower, or moderate income households for a period of at least 10 years.

Occupancy permits less than two years old.

Virtual Net Metering is allowed.



#### Incentive Structure

- One-time, upfront incentive
- Incentives decline as megawatt targets are achieved
- Incentives decline to zero at the end of the program
- https://www.newsolarhomes.org/RebateLevels.aspx



# Expected Performance-Based Incentive

- The incentive amount is calculated using the CEC-PV Calculator
- The incentive amount is based on a calculation which compares the expected performance of the proposed system to a reference system



#### **Incentive Levels**

#### "Solar as Standard" Incentive

\$2.60/Watt

36 Month Reservation Period

Projects with six or more units where solar is installed on 50 percent or more of the units.

#### **Base Incentive**

\$2.50/Watt

18 Month Reservation Period

Custom homes
Small developments

Developments offering solar as an option\*

Developments where solar is installed on less than 50 percent of the units

Common areas

#### Affordable Housing Incentive

\$3.50/Watt : Residential Units

\$3.30/Watt : Common Areas

36 Month Reservation Period

Incentives decline over time as affordable housing megawatt targets are achieved.

Separate decline schedule, but no specific set-aside of funding for affordable housing.

\*Solar as an Option projects will receive a 36-month reservation period.



### Additional Program Details

# **Leased Systems**

At a minimum, tenyear leased systems and power purchase agreements

Lessor is required to report the status of the system for the first five years.

If agreement is terminated AND system is removed within the first five years, then penalties for early removal

#### **Incentive Cap**

Incentives are for the first 7.5 kW AC of a system installed on a residential dwelling unit.

# California Flexible Installation Criteria (CFI)

Include flat installations in tilt range (0 degrees)

CFI can only be used for new residential developments.

CECPV Calculator Version 2.4

# System Upgrades

If the installed system is larger than the one that was proposed at reservation time, the incremental increase in system size is calculated at the incentive level in effect at the time of reservation approval.

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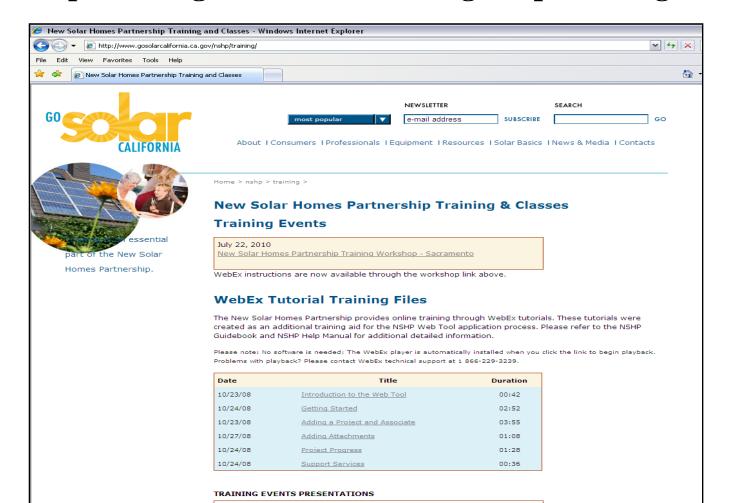
#### **NSHP** Resources

#### www.gosolarcalifornia.org



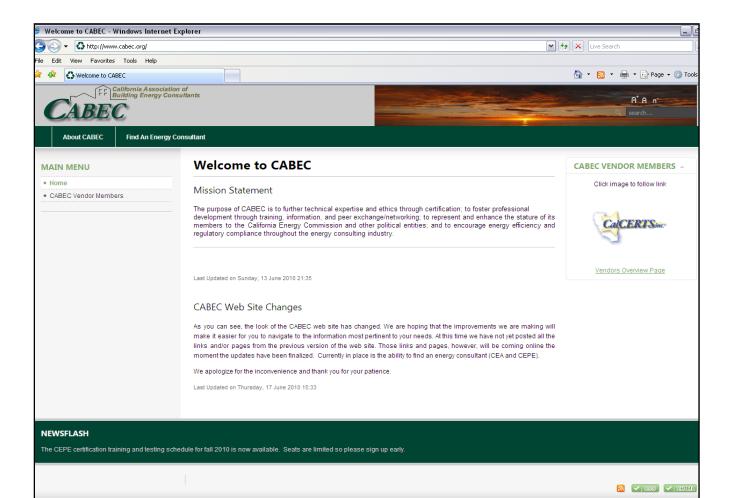


#### http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/nshp/training/





http://www.cabec.org/



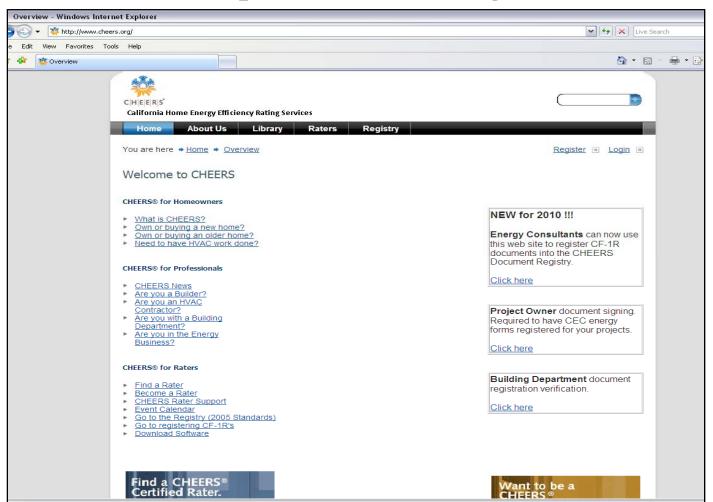


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- NSHP CECPV Calculator
  - http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/tools/nshpcalculator/index.php
- NSHP Web Tool
  - https://www.newsolarhomes.org
- Register for the GoSolar Retailer/Installer List
  - http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/installers/installer.php
- Check the Eligible Equipment Lists
  - http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/equipment/pv\_modules.php
  - http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/equipment/inverters.php



# FAQ's

- What's the current incentive level?
  - https://www.newsolarhomes.org/RebateLevels.aspx
- How many MW's have been reserved/are under review?
- How will I know when the incentive level will drop?
- Where should I send my reservation package and payment claim package?
  - http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/contacts/consumers.php



### FAQ's

- What if my reservation has expired?
- How does a retailer get added to the online registered retailer list?
  - http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/installers/installer.php
- When will the next training be held?
  - http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/nshp/training/
- Other questions?



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